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Idaho Milk Production Up 2.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during November 2012 totaled 1.09 billion pounds, a 2.3 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 4.2 percent from October 2012. October 2012 milk production was revised to 1.14 billion pounds, up slightly from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in November 2012 was 1,880 pounds, up 40 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during November was 579,000 head, unchanged from November 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from November 2011. October revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was down slightly from October 2011. The October revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,758 pounds for November, 19 pounds above November 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 3,000 head less than November 2011, but 8,000 head more than October 2011.

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Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, November 2011-2012

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2011
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	192	180	1,855	1,940	356	349	-2.0
California	1,778	1,780	1,880	1,835	3,343	3,266	-2.3
Colorado	131	135	1,870	1,935	245	261	6.5
Florida	120	122	1,460	1,400	175	171	-2.3
Idaho	579	579	1,840	1,880	1,065	1,089	2.3
Illinois	98	100	1,580	1,580	155	158	1.9
Indiana	173	173	1,670	1,730	289	299	3.5
Iowa	200	205	1,765	1,790	353	367	4.0
Kansas	123	127	1,725	1,770	212	225	6.1
Michigan	369	375	1,865	1,915	688	718	4.4
Minnesota	465	465	1,520	1,590	707	739	4.5
Missouri	94	93	1,190	1,180	112	110	-1.8
New Mexico	333	323	2,020	2,000	673	646	-4.0
New York	610	610	1,680	1,735	1,025	1,058	3.2
Ohio	269	270	1,560	1,625	420	439	4.5
Oregon	122	123	1,615	1,610	197	198	0.5
Pennsylvania	538	533	1,580	1,600	850	853	0.4
Texas	435	430	1,815	1,770	790	761	-3.7
Utah	88	89	1,740	1,750	153	156	2.0
Vermont	134	133	1,510	1,555	202	207	2.5
Virginia	96	95	1,440	1,455	138	138	0
Washington	263	261	1,880	1,880	494	491	-0.6
Wisconsin	1,265	1,271	1,660	1,730	2,100	2,199	4.7
23 State Total	8,475	8,472	1,739	1,758	14,742	14,898	1.1

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, 2012 totaled 245,000 head, up 4 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is up 2 percent from November 1, 2012. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 40,000 head, down 6,000 head from November 2011 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during November totaled 34,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during November.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2012. The inventory was 6 percent below December 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.92 million, 6 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.84 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 645,000, 600-699 pounds were 450,000, 700-799 pounds were 375,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 453,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.76 million, 1 percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 88,000 during November, 9 percent below 2011.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	December 1, 2011	November 1, 2012	December 1, 2012		
			Number	As % of 2011	As % of November
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	290	265	267	92	101
California	505	480	490	97	102
Colorado	1,160	1,030	1,020	88	99
Idaho	235	240	245	104	102
Iowa	610	590	610	100	103
Kansas	2,360	2,220	2,170	92	98
Nebraska	2,560	2,480	2,530	99	102
Oklahoma	385	345	345	90	100
South Dakota	265	220	230	87	105
Texas	2,990	2,670	2,700	90	101
Washington	236	248	261	111	105
Other States	459	466	460	100	99
United States	12,055	11,254	11,328	94	101

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

U.S. Frozen Potato and Dairy Product Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on November 30, 2012, totaled 929 million pounds, down 3 percent from October 31, 2012, but up 9 percent from November 30, 2011. Other frozen potatoes, at 220 million pounds, were down 4 percent slightly from October stocks but up 5 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on November 30, 2012, totaled 127 million pounds, down 12 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 35 percent from November 30, 2011. Stocks of American cheese totaled 581 million pounds, down less than 1 percent from October 31, 2012, and down 2 percent from last year.

Commodity	Nov. 30, 2011	Oct. 31, 2012	Nov. 30, 2012	2012 2011
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	848,500	954,826	928,640	109
Other Frozen	210,251	229,262	220,499	105
TOTAL	1,058,751	1,184,088	1,149,139	109
DAIRY:				
Butter, Total	93,523	145,098	127,141	136
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	592,773	582,411	581,246	98

Idaho November Red Meat Production Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for November 2012 totaled 3.7 million pounds, down 1 percent from November of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-November 2012 period totaled 39.3 million pounds, down 56 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.31 billion pounds in November, up 1 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in November 2011. Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, down slightly from November 2011. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,321 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 7 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70,500 head, down 4 percent from November 2011. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.08 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.11 million head, up 1 percent from November 2011. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.4 million pounds, was down 2 percent from November 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,800 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 2 pounds from November a year ago. January to November 2012 commercial red meat production was 45.4 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	November 2012 as % of 2011 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	147.7	156.0	144.9	98
Colorado	170.0	196.7	193.7	114
Idaho	3.7	4.2	3.7	99
Illinois	264.4	285.3	271.4	103
Iowa	604.4	627.6	589.6	98
Kansas	424.8	476.0	440.2	104
Minnesota	248.6	266.5	250.2	101
Montana	1.8	1.9	1.7	94
Nebraska	612.6	677.6	624.1	102
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	70
Oklahoma	103.8	105.0	103.2	99
Oregon	6.3	6.9	6.4	101
South Dakota	101.0	107.4	102.5	102
Texas	402.2	423.9	408.3	102
Utah	37.3	47.5	41.5	111
Washington	74.9	84.5	77.5	104
Wyoming	0.5	0.3	0.4	83
United States	4,258.9	4,578.6	4,307.8	101

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

2/ Totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States

[Totals, accumulated totals, and percentages based on unrounded data.]

Type	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	Nov 2012 As Percent of	
				Nov 2011	Oct 2012
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,148.8	2,343.7	2,206.6	103	94
Veal	10.8	10.3	10.1	93	98
Pork	2,086.7	2,210.4	2,078.7	100	94
Lamb & Mutton	12.6	14.2	12.4	98	88
Total Red Meat	4,258.9	4,578.6	4,307.8	101	94

IDAHO AND WASHINGTON HOG INVENTORY UP 12 PERCENT

Idaho and Washington combined hog inventory on December 1, 2012 was 65,000 head, up 12 percent from the previous December 1 inventory. Idaho and Washington hog inventory was combined to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Breeding hog inventory for Idaho and Washington combined, at 12,000 head, is up 1,000 head from last year. Market hogs increased 6,000 head to 53,000 head for Idaho and Washington combined. An estimated 19,900 sows farrowed during the past year with an average litter size of 8.84 pigs. The total pig crop of 176,000 head was up 16 percent from the previous year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter. The September-November 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.15 for the September-November period, compared to 10.02 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Class and Weight Group, United States, 2011-2012 ^{1/}

Item	2011	2012	2012 as a % of 2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory			
All Hogs & Pigs	66,361	66,348	100
Kept for Breeding	5,803	5,817	100
Market	60,558	60,531	100
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups			
Under 50 Pounds	19,524	19,448	100
50-119 Pounds	16,643	16,643	100
120-179 Pounds	12,473	12,479	100
180 Pounds and Over	11,918	11,961	100

^{1/} May not add due to rounding.